



General Assembly

Amendment

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Offered by:

SEN. KISSEL, 7th Dist.

To: Senate Bill No. 1100

File No.

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"AN ACT CONCERNING ENERGY ASSISTANCE."

1 Strike section 8 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

2 "Sec. 8. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$6,500,000 is appropriated
3 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending
4 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the
5 Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
6 2009, for the purpose of providing heating assistance grants to local
7 and regional school districts to heat school buildings in such districts,
8 calculated on a per pupil basis."

9 Strike section 9 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

10 "Sec. 9. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$4,000,000 is appropriated
11 from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year ending
12 June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act to the
13 Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30,
14 2009, for the purpose of providing home heating assistance to state
15 residents aged sixty-five and older, with income equal to or less than
16 one hundred per cent of the applicable state median household

17 income, who are unable to make timely payments on deliverable fuel,
18 electricity or natural gas bills. The Office of Policy and Management
19 shall determine eligibility requirements for such assistance and may
20 spend up to \$500,000 of the amount appropriated pursuant to this
21 section to identify eligible residents and notify eligible residents that
22 assistance is available. The Office of Policy and Management shall pay
23 energy assistance provided pursuant to this section directly to fuel
24 vendors, municipal utilities furnishing electricity or natural gas or
25 electric or natural gas companies, as defined in section 16-1 of the 2008
26 supplement to the general statutes, as amended by section 1 of public
27 act 08-77 and section 4 of public act 08-185. For purposes of this
28 section, "state median household income" shall be determined by using
29 the most recent state median income figures published by the
30 Department of Social Services."

31 Strike section 11 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu
32 thereof:

33 "Sec. 11. (*Effective from passage*) The sum of \$3,500,000 is
34 appropriated from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal
35 year ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this
36 act to the Office of Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending
37 June 30, 2009, for the purpose of providing heating assistance grants to
38 nonprofit organizations that are human service or public health
39 providers, such as providers of adult day care, residential services to
40 homeless persons and services to victims of domestic violence,
41 including organizations that provide such services to the state through
42 purchase of service or fee for service contracts. The Secretary of the
43 Office of Policy and Management shall determine eligibility
44 requirements for such assistance, develop criteria to determine the
45 amount of the grant that an organization may receive and establish an
46 application procedure. Said secretary may consult with the
47 Commissioners of Social Services, Developmental Services, Mental
48 Health and Addiction Services, Public Health, Correction and Children
49 and Families, the Chief Court Administrator and the executive director
50 of the Children's Trust Fund for purposes of coordinating payment of

51 such grants. Funds appropriated to the Office of Policy and
52 Management pursuant to this section may be transferred by the
53 secretary to the Departments of Social Services, Developmental
54 Services, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Public Health,
55 Correction and Children and Families, the Judicial Department and the
56 Children's Trust Fund Council for payment of such grants.
57 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes or the
58 regulations of Connecticut state agencies, no grant awarded pursuant
59 to this section shall affect any calculation of rates or fees paid to the
60 organization receiving the grant or otherwise affect any contract with
61 the state for provision of services."

62 Strike section 16 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu
63 thereof:

64 "Sec. 16. (*Effective from passage*) After appropriations have been made
65 pursuant to sections 6 to 13, inclusive, and 15 to 19, inclusive, of this
66 act from the funds credited to the General Fund for the fiscal year
67 ending June 30, 2009, pursuant to subsection (a) of section 1 of this act,
68 the remainder of such funds shall be appropriated to the Office of
69 Policy and Management, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009,
70 provided no more than \$35,000,000 shall be appropriated to the Office
71 of Policy and Management. Such funds appropriated to the Office of
72 Policy and Management shall be deposited in an energy contingency
73 account, which shall be established for such purpose. Funds in the
74 account may be used to provide emergency home heating assistance to
75 state residents, with consideration given to households with
76 preexisting all electric heating, and to supplement federal funding for
77 the Connecticut energy assistance program. Any funds remaining in
78 the energy contingency account on June 30, 2009, shall not lapse, but
79 shall be available for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30,
80 2010."